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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/018837</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP01/03418</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>20 APRIL 2001</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>21 APRIL 2000</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM</b>		
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Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Other items or information:  
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